

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2005**

The Emergency Management Advisory Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at 8:00 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Advisory Council Members present were: President Jimmie Kesterson, Vice Chairman Nathan Miller, Mike Kyger, Dave Reagan, John Walker, County Councilmember Ronald L. Fruitt, and Commissioner Ruth E. Shedd. Also present: Deputy Director Tim Batta, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr. (Advisory Council Members Carol Shelby, Garry Smith, and John Withers were absent.)

Chairman Jimmie Kesterson called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2005 Meeting as distributed, seconded by Mr. Reagan; motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Jimmie Kesterson

Chairman Kesterson commented that disasters such as Hurricane Katrina have shown the need for planning. He also said TEMA's 2006 Budget will be a challenge.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS: Mark Kirby

- In the aftermath of "Katrina", emergency response will change. The public will expect jurisdictional squabbling to stop. He thinks TEMA co-operates well with other emergency agencies.
- The Mobile Command Center was a big hit at the 4-H Fair.
- TEMA Secretary Brenda Melville is enthusiastically heading the Citizen Corp.
- A smaller group of volunteers was needed at the Feast of the Hunter's Moon due to TEMA's new signage.
- FEMA made no requests for large equipment from emergency management agencies in Indiana for "Katrina" relief.
- The Scott Air Mask issue could be resolved this month. (See 1/11/05, 7/12/05, & 9/13/05 Minutes) Scott was asked to return the money for the masks to the State, and it is hoped the State will reissue the money to purchase new masks from Scott when they are certified. In the meantime, 15 Millenia certified masks were purchased and are being used by the Haz-Mat Team.
- The volunteers are moving forward toward 501c3 tax exempt status. If their constitution is approved tonight, they will send it and their by-laws to the State. They hope to have the status within the next 6 months.
- The Mobile Command Center was used by Lafayette Fire last week in the investigation of a fire.
- Volunteers (6 per night) will assist with traffic control during "Haunted Feargrounds", sponsored by Jefferson High School Fifth Edition at the Fairgrounds on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights for the next 3 week-ends. The school will compensate the volunteers.
- Volunteers will assist at the last two (2) Purdue home football games as temporary Purdue employees and be paid by Purdue. They will not be working on behalf of TEMA or the County.
- Volunteers will assist during this year's Christmas Parade. They will not be compensated for this event.
- Additional medal badges worn by the volunteers on their Class A shirts will be purchased from the Volunteer Fund. Most of the volunteers already have badges.
- Director Kirby was asked by Indiana Homeland Security and District 4 EMA Directors to serve as District 4 Chairman.

BUDGET

Director Kirby said he will request a \$5,000 additional appropriation for Garage Supplies at the County Council meeting later today. Councilmember Fruitt noted balances of \$2,800 in Physical Exams and \$2,417 in R & M Radio and wondered if these funds could be transferred. Director Kirby said he will be able to transfer from R & M Radio, but Physical Exams are required by law for the Haz-Mat Team. Deputy Director Batta reported the physical exams will start tomorrow at Arnett Clinic at an approximate cost of \$260 per member.

SIRENS

Several costly siren repairs have depleted the Siren Repair line item. As a result, the Commissioners amended the Cumulative Capital Development Plan to include \$10,000 for the annual maintenance of TEMA radios, sirens, and other capital equipment for 2005 and 2006.

Attorney Luhman interjected the direction now is to urge the Area Plan Ordinance Committee to amend the Subdivision Ordinance to require subdivision developers to provide sirens in new subdivisions that will be maintained by the County. This would free up Cum Cap Funds, now being used to purchase new sirens, for siren repairs that become necessary as the sirens age.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE: Mike Kyger, Chairman

Mr. Kyger reported the Committee has not met.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE: Dave Reagan, Chairman

Mr. Reagan reported the Committee has not met, but he is still working on the list of individuals with expertise outside the TEMA organization who are willing to serve if the Advisory Council approves. Mr. Reagan said he would like Director Kirby to present the complete inventory of communication equipment at the November meeting.

Chairman Kesterson encouraged the Advisory Council to determine the direction TEMA should go with the sirens. Mr. Reagan said he thinks we should continue to ask individuals to purchase sirens but now believes TEMA should abandon the idea of asking those individuals to also provide the power since TEMA may lose control if the power is cut off. Chairman Kesterson requested a list of sirens where the power source is at risk from being turned off by someone who is paying for the power.

Director Kirby reported he was able to purchase eight (8) 800 MHz radios with \$160,000 of available grant monies.

MISSION/GOALS: Nathan Miller, Chairman

Mr. Miller reported the Mission/Goals Committee has not met but, during a prior meeting, the Committee determined that public education of TEMA's mission is a priority. The public needs to know what TEMA can do for the community and how the community can reach TEMA. The Committee thinks TEMA needs a higher profile.

Councilmember Fruitt asked if TEMA could team with Lafayette Fire during their presentations at area schools to educate students about TEMA. Deputy Director Batta, who worked with the schools during his tenure on the Lafayette Fire Department, said TEMA could talk to Lafayette Fire about interjecting storm related information into their presentation. Director Kirby said TEMA is moving toward establishing Jr. CERT Teams in the area

schools. CERT falls under the Citizen Corp umbrella. Chairman Kesterson wondered if TEMA has enough manpower to follow through with this involvement with the schools. Director Kirby responded they are increasing their base of trainers and noted they are meshing with Purdue's involvement in CERT for campus housing units.

HAZ-MAT TEAM REPORT: Deputy Director Tim Batta

The Team had two (2) responses for large fuel spills. One response was on 3 Lane Hill on SR 25 and the other was on I-65 near SR 43.

OLD BUSINESS

At the September 13th meeting, the Advisory Council voted to ask the firm of Christopher Burke to develop a proposal to act as facilitator to work with the volunteers and the Advisory Council to develop goals for TEMA. Attorney Luhman reported he spoke with Christopher Burke and hopes to have a proposal by the November meeting. If their proposal is accepted, it may be necessary to meet for 4 or 5 hours to work on developing the goals and mission.

Chairman Kesterson asked if this is the direction the members want to take and if they are willing to devote 4 to 6 hours in a meeting with Burke. Mr. Reagan said he wants to do this because he doesn't think the Advisory Council always works efficiently to help the Director and his staff do their jobs. Attorney Luhman suggested a meeting with the Advisory Council and Burke first and then a meeting with the volunteers.

Director Kirby expressed concern about the interaction between TEMA and the volunteers once they achieve 501c3 status. Attorney Luhman responded that their internal organization as a 501c3 shouldn't affect their relationship to TEMA because they have no independent authority outside their relationship with TEMA. Mr. Reagan interjected that 501c3 status is only for the financial aspect of the volunteer organization. Attorney Luhman said the officers of the 501c3 could be recognized as liaison between the volunteers and TEMA.

Director Kirby introduced TEMA's new Technician Martin Webb who he said is a welcome addition. He works well with the staff and is accelerating the completion of the new Haz-Mat trailer.

Councilmember Fruitt observed that Director Kirby is really working to co-ordinate with other entities in the County and thought that should be acknowledged.

Mr. Reagan asked for a progress report on TEMA's relationship with the local Ham Operators' clubs. Director Kirby said he spoke with the president of one of the local clubs, and they plan to schedule a meeting between the TEMA staff and some of the Ham Operators' key people to re-establish the relationship with TEMA.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the TEMA Advisory Council will be held at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 8, 2005 in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building.

ADJOURNMENT

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Reagan; motion carried.

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor